

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Pages 152-153, the bridging paragraph:

Thereafter, the plate surface was treated with GU-7 (produced by Fuji Photo Film Co., Ltd.) gumming solution 2-fold diluted with water. The quantity of plate surface energy necessary for reproducing 1% under the conditions of 4,000 dpi and 175 lines/inch was determined as the sensitivity of the sample and found to be 0.2 mJ, revealing that the sensitivity was sufficiently high for the practical use. The dot quality with this exposure amount was also good and unnecessary fogging or flare was not observed. A press life test was performed using a printer SORKZ manufactured by Heidelberg Inc. and an ink ~~Kraft~~ KRAFT G(N) produced by Dainippon Ink & Chemicals, Inc., and as a result, 180,000 sheets or more of good printed matters could be obtained.

Pages 153-154, the bridging paragraph:

~~Marca Linker~~ MARCA LINKER M S-4P (trade name) (poly(p-hydroxystyrene)) produced by Maruzene Sekiyu Kagaku K.K. was purchased and designated as [BP-1].

Page 168, first full paragraph:

The obtained negative lithographic printing plate precursor was exposed to a 50% halftone image using a ~~Trendsetter~~ TRENDSETTER 3244VFS, a laser exposure equipment, manufactured by Creo Co., Ltd., where a water cooling-type 40W infrared semiconductor laser was mounted. The conditions in the exposure were such that the output was 9 W, the revolution

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number of the outer surface drum was 210 rpm, the one-side energy was 100 mJ/cm^2 and the resolution was 2,400 dpi.